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The Repeal Movement in Nova Scotia.

The Nova Scotia journals, friendly to Mr. Howe, inform their readers that the contest in Hants county is progressing favourably for that gentleman. At a meeting recently held at Burlington, Messrs. Gouge, Troop, and Jones confronted him, but failed, we are told, to convince their hearers that he was wrong and they were right. Dr. Tupper, of Halifax, is laboring to secure the election of Mr. Howe as a matter of policy, although hitherto opposed to him, and others similarly situated are likewise working in his behalf, with a view to the leaves and fishes they may obtain, in the event of his election, from the Government at Ottawa. But the Halifax Unionist, however, continues bitterly hostile to him, ostensibly in the interest of the Union, and remarks:—"The Unionists who will embrace Mr. Howe in the present contest are not one whit better than he is; they are equally culpable with him—accessories after the fact—and the time will come when they will bitterly repent that they ever, by word or deed, lent themselves to so base a sacrifice of principle, because Dr. Tupper, or somebody else, deemed it expedient that Mr. Howe should be supported by Union men. We write from a purely independent standpoint—we write as Unionists! We can have no sympathy with Repealers—they can have none with us—we are not playing into their hands—God forbid! But, Electors of Hants, we prefer Mr. Gouge with his record—to Mr. Howe with his checkered page, with many a foul blot on it—and we unhesitatingly declare that, we believe it to be our duty to prevent by all legitimate means the return of Mr. Howe. Let him get his seat, 'get into power,' as he calls it, and who will dare to set bounds to his rapacity? If we support Mr. Howe, we thereby declare we have confidence in him. We cannot do that because we have no confidence in him—we never had. We cannot, therefore, belong to his party.—So long as Joseph Howe is abroad, the necessity will exist for a Union party, which will have a clearly defined policy—and that the Preservation of the Union."

At the last election in the county of Hants, when Mr. Howe ran at the head of the "party of punishment," he received 1530 votes, while Mr. King, his opponent, received only 956, the majority in favor of the former being, therefore, 574. The total number of votes in the County then amounted to 3070; whereas the total of votes actually polled was only 2486. Many Unionists remained at home out of personal regard to Mr. Howe, or because they disapproved of the way the Union had been effected. Such is the excitement attending the present struggle, however, that a more than usually full vote will doubtless be polled. The probable result is being actively canvassed, and opinions differ widely with regard to it. If we may judge by the representations of the Confederate and anti-Confederate party journals, the strong partisan spirit displayed by whom is to be deprecated. One of the former declares that "The election in Hants will be the life and death struggle of the Repeal party. If Mr. Howe succeeds in being re-elected, the party will have ceased to live. No gainsaying the assertion. It will be killed by its own leader; and the astonishing truth will come home to the minds of Nova Scotians that that erratic politician battled with what was assumed to be the unanimous popular sentiment, and came victorious out of the struggle."

Very True.

In remarking upon the recent tragedy at Quebec, the Montreal Witness makes the following statements, all of which are strictly correct. In a very brief period several cases of the most heinous profligacy and irreparable injury have been brought home to officers serving in Canada. It is true we are not yet in possession of all the facts of this terrible Quebec affair, though we cannot but think that the provocation to deadly vengeance must have been of the most outrageous and certain character. A generous hospitality, we are afraid, has been abused to the vilest purposes; but we are also equally afraid that too many lay themselves open to such calamities by an over eagerness to associate with those who are supposed to be *par excellence*, gentlemen, but of whose right to be so considered their social and professional position gives, it seems, no reliable guarantee. We cannot but attach the gravest guilt to mothers who welcome the visits to their daughters of known libertines, though we have no feeling but commiseration for the inexperienced victims of seductive arts. Grave as has been the crime of young Chaloner in avenging his sister's dishonor, and heavily as it must be visited for the protection of society, it will at least be calculated to deter in the future any epauletted scoundrel who may desire to invade the peace and purity of Canadian homes.

THE PARAGUAYAN WAR.—The news from Paraguay received about two weeks ago represented President Lopez as utterly crushed and the war as terminated. At the capture of the fortress of Anzures, in the last days of December, about 1500 Paraguayans had fallen as prisoners into the hands of the Allies, and it was supposed that but a small force was now left to Lopez, and that the complete exhaustion of the country would make the raising of another army impossible. According to the later accounts from the seat of war, Lopez still has an army with him and is fortifying in the interior. Thus the war is not quite over, but the ability of Lopez to continue his resistance, if not altogether broken, has certainly been greatly reduced, and nothing, we believe, can save him from a speedy annihilation save a falling out among the Allies.

Mr. A. T. Stewart has written to Pres. Grant, declining the position of Secretary of the Treasury. The letter from him is not peremptory; but simply intended to relieve the President from embarrassments.

Board of School Trustees.

The Board met last night. Present: Mr. Peterson, chairman; Messrs. Pirie, Newton, Cuthbert, McNeil, Stevenson, Harvey, Innes and Dr. McGuire. Mr. Newton presented the report of the Finance Committee, recommending that J. Mitchell's account \$28, and Alexander Bruce's \$7.27 be paid. Also, in reference to the petition of Mr. Hadden, they cannot recommend that any increase be made in the contract for lighting the fires in the girls' school. The report was adopted.

Mr. McNeil presented the report of the School Property Committee, to the effect that Mr. Day has executed the lease of his building in accordance with instructions from this Board, and the Committee recommend that the same be approved, and have the seal of the Corporation affixed.

In reference to Mr. Dunn's communication asking for increased accommodation, the committee find on examination that two additional bedrooms can be made by partitioning part of the room used by Mr. Porter for his classes at a cost of about \$65, leaving sufficient room for all purposes connected with the department, providing the desks at present in use are removed, and benches substituted for the same, all of which they recommend to be done under their superintendence.

The Committee also recommended that the desks at present used in the East and West Ward schools, and part of those in the Grammar School, be removed to Day's Building, to furnish the rooms set apart by the School Management Committee for the accommodation of the East Ward, Senior and Junior boys West Ward Schools, and that new desks be provided for the Senior Girls School. The Committee suggest in accordance with resolution adopted by the Board, with a view of centralizing the schools in town, that the School Management Committee be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of removing the Grammar School Department and South Ward School to Mr. Day's Building, as the committee believe that ample accommodation could be provided for all, leaving a number of rooms unoccupied.

The Board went into committee of the whole on the report, Mr. Harvey in the chair. The first clause was passed. When the second clause came up Mr. McNeil moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, that it be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, that that part of the report be referred back to committee till they ascertain what additional accommodation Mr. Dunn wants for his family. Carried.

The other clauses were passed, and when the Board resumed, Mr. McNeil moved, seconded by Mr. Harvey, that the report as amended be adopted. Carried.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Pirie, that the last clause of the report be referred back to committee. Lost.

On motion, Mary and Charles Hilliard were admitted free pupils to the Junior Girls school, and Jas. Edward and Octavia Daniels free pupils to Mr. Hunter's school. Moved by Mr. Innes, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, that the Secretary be requested to confer with the chairman of the School Management Committee with the view of having a meeting of the committee at an early day to confer with the Secretary in regard to grading the schools. Carried.

THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.—Even the Spanish accounts from Cuba now indicate that the revolution is gaining ground. The *Diario de Havana*, a fantastical organ of the Spanish party, makes important admissions. It reports a rapid increase of revolutionary forces at Mayari in the Eastern, and near Cienfuegos and Palmirios in the Central Department. It mentions another engagement near San to Espiritu, which is not claimed as a victory. It indicates that the whole of the Sagua district is in the hands of the Cubans, and that all the Spanish planters have found it necessary to seek refuge in the towns. Another despatch speaks of a rapid increase of insurgents near Remedios. All this promises to have been a victory, not supported merely by a few isolated bands, but that the people of Cuba are in arms for the recovery of their independence.

ADVANCE OF SPRING.—According to the almanacs, says the *Hamilton Times* and our local oracle in particular, the Spring is on its way, and good growing weather with warm showers are in order about this time. The back bone of the Winter was supposed to have been broken about two weeks ago, but the truth is the Winter didn't get its back up until within a few days past. Early lettuce appeared on the market on Saturday, but dandelions and other field vegetation are backward.

On the 9th of April next, the By-law authorizing the municipality of the Township of Mono to give a bonus of \$45,000 to aid the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway, will be submitted to the people. It is said the bogus bond business will defeat the By-law.

Hotel Arrivals.

COULSON HOUSE. GUELPH, March 9, 1869. The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: W. Mont, Hamilton; J. G. Cross, Fergus; John E. Vest, Hamilton; W. Denoon, Montreal; Joseph Draper, Arthur; Henry Gounly, Berlin; John Evans, Jr., Kingston; J. Griffith, Toronto; James N. Eastley, Montreal; B. Saunders, Toronto; H. Yocmans & Lady, Belleville; A. Mc Dougall, Cornwall; A. A. Wyandott, J. L. Johnson, Wyandott; Mr. Wright, Harrison; William Martie, Listowell; Wm. Shaw, Listowell; John Tarabull, Toronto; A. Rose Russell, Fergus; Miss Click, Elora.

New Advertisements.

APPRENTICE WANTED. Wanted, a Protestant boy from the country, with a fair education, to serve as apprentice at a good paying trade. For further particulars apply at the Mercury office, Guelph. Guelph, 8th March. 6111

PRIZE DENTISTRY.

DR. R. CAMPBELL, OFFICE next door to the Advertiser Office, Wyndham street, Guelph. References:—Drs. Clarke & Orion, McGuire, Herod and Mc Gregor and Gowen, Guelph; Drs. Buchanan & Phillips, Toronto; Drs. Elliott and Meyers Dentists, Toronto. Teeth extracted without pain. Guelph, 15th Jan. 1869. dw



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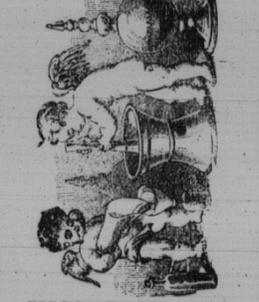
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SPEED LODGE NO. 180, G. R. C.

The next Regular Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of MARCH, at half-past 7 o'clock. I. CUTBERT, Sec. March 6.

GRAND CONCERT.

Complimentary to MISS JENNIE FRASER. A grand Complimentary Concert to Miss Jennie Fraser, under the patronage of the Lieutenant-Colonel and Officers of the 30th Battalion, will be given in the Town Hall, Guelph, On Thursday Ev'g, 11th March. Artists of the highest distinction have kindly offered their services. Tickets Twenty-five Cents. Guelph, 25th February. do

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EDUCATIONAL. MRS. WM. BUDD, Organist of the Congregational Church, Requests to inform her Pupils and friends that her School will re-open on MONDAY, 4th JANUARY, 1869, she will also be prepared to give Private Lessons on the Organ, Piano and Melodeon—Residence: 7 Norfolk Street, Guelph. December 29. dw

SALT SALT. 200 Bags Coarse Liverpool SALT, 100 Bags Fine Liverpool SALT, 500 Barrels American SALT. AT JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, Feb. 16. dw

SAP BUCKETS. 1,000 Dozen SAP BUCKETS, AT JOHN A. WOOD'S. Guelph, Feb. 16. dw

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC. The accounts of Messrs. Shaw & Thomson, and Alex. Thomson & Co., have been put into my hands for collection. All parties indebted to either of the above firms are hereby notified to settle the same on or before the 15th March to save costs. The undersigned will be found at the store of Messrs. Shaw & Murton. CHARLES GRENBY, Guelph, 8th March, 1869. 64-1W.

TICKETS FOR THE GRAND CONCERT COMPLIMENTARY TO Miss Jennie Fraser, On THURSDAY, 11th March, at

THORNTON'S New Cheap Bookstore. Guelph, March 8. dw 11

BLACKSMITH SHOP FOR SALE OR TO LET. A Blacksmith stand in the village of Ospringe, 12 miles from Guelph, on the Erin Gravel Road, with half an acre of land, good buildings and well fenced. For further information apply to the undersigned, or at the Mercury Office, Guelph. Wm. HEASMAN, Blacksmith.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.—All parties indebted to the subscriber, either by note or book account, will please call and settle at once to save cost. WILLIAM HEASMAN, Blacksmith, Ospringe, Feb. 24. w 11*

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PHILIP BISH. Wyndham Street, Guelph, March 9. dw

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